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## COMPLICATIONS ARE PILING UP

Controller Bay Scandal is Growing Embarrassing to Administration

#### ORIGINAL ORDER IS CHANGED SAYS DENNETT

White House Issues Statement and Secretary of Interior Fisher Gives Out Another

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10 .complications followed in quick succession to-day in Controller Bay scandal.

Secretary of the Interior Fisher issued a formal statement denying the existence of the "Dick to Dick" letter in the files of his department and asserting that neither a copy of the alleged letter or any reference to It was contained in the manuscript submitted to him by Miss Abbott or referred to by her any any way.
An informal statement was issued

at the White House denying that Charles P. Taft had ever written to the President on the subject on Controller Bay or that the President ever talked with his brother in regard to the R. S. Ryan letter and adding that a search of the letter files of Charles P. Taft in Cincinnati fails to disclose any correspondence between him and Richard Ryan ,or between Mr. Taft and anybody relative to any Alaskan

Miss Abbott, who discovered the alleged letter, declined to make any friher statement in the premises. "What I have to say now will be said on the witness stand," said the doughty little woman who has plunged the administration into a fresh com-

plication over Alaskan affairs.

advantage over other litigants. As scarce at that."

Clamor for Ice.

Then Mr. Blake proceeded to tell how 500 people surrounded a brewers sued. This provision was mysteriously dropped out, probably the Ryan claimants, who were on the ground ager left church services and supplied them with tea. when the order reached Juneau, were plied them with ice. materially benefited.

fice," asked Mr. Fennell, who con-ducted the examination, "did it not arm, "They which the contain a sixty-day clause providing a necessity which the trust controls? for notice to persons having designs that he felt positive a municipal ice

"Who struck it out?"

"I do not know.

Did the elimination of that clause make a material difference as far as the chances of the public looting on the land in question were concern-ed. Wouldn't the effect be to give advantage to those who know of the order and were on the ground?" Mr. Dennett replied that it would. Statement of Mr. Fisher.

'I have just returned to Wash- for \$106,000 worth of sewer wo the Philadelphia North American under the signature of Miss Abbott until work was authorized two years ago this morning, although some references to it have been made in the new high school and other imcago by some of the newspapers and provements. their representatives.

"I, of course, know nothing about what occurred in this matter prior to my appointment as Secretary Interior, except what is contained in the records in the office, and what has been told me by others. I do know, however, what has occurred since I became secretary, and I pre-fer to believe that Miss Abbott has been correctly quoted in the article in the North American, because contains many misstatements of substance with regard to her inter-view with me, and completely misrepresents the character of the inter-view.

"I was not only not indifferent to the Controller Bay incident, but was intensely interested in ascertaining any real facts connected with the mat-

It is true that I examined Miss Abbott's article and pointed out her that it contained numerous insinuations, but very few facts, and the water committee had reported that on this account it did not seem unfavorably on the application. to be convincing. Miss Abbott frank-ly admitted that this was true, and explained that she had written the article under pressure, and intended to revise it. She said she had brought it in to me at that time, because she wished to have the benefit of the very estions which I was asking. I calld her attention to specific statements which seemed to assume conclusions without indicating in any way upon what facts they were based. I told her I should be very much interested in the facts if she could ascertain them, but that I was not very much interested in unsupported conclusions. I suggested to her that she ought to carefully the matter of an article of that character, and she admit-ted that she had not done so, but innded doing it and would come back

n. She never came back. No Reference to Postscript. 'No reference whatever was made in this interview to what Miss Ab-bott very properly calls the 'amazing postscript' which she says she found attached to a letter to Secretary Ballinger from Mr. Ryan, nor of Mr. Smith that, if elected, he will was this postscript ever mentioned or referred to in any other interview which I have ever had with Miss Abbott or any one else prior to its publication in the Philadelphia North American. I was particularly interested in learning any fact which would really throw light on the Confoller Bay situation, and I pressed liss Abbott pretty hard for the basis Cortain insinuations contained in Under these circum-cannot understand how stances. I cannot understand how she would have failed to mention the posteript referred to. The interstinued on Sixth Page.)

# BLAKE ASSAILS

Would Have Municipality Operate Plant for Benefit of People

OCTOPUS RELENTLESS ASSERTS COUNCILMAN

Believing Plan Feasible, He Introduces Paper Which Goes to Finnace Committee

"Be it resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Aldermen concurring, that the committee on finance be, and is hereby, instructed to ascertain the cost of building and operating an ice plant in this city with a capacity large enough o supply all of its citizens with ice at a reasonable price."

Declaring that the city of Richmond is firmly in the grip of the ice trust, Councilman George McD. Blake, of Monroe Ward, introduced the foregoing resolution at the session of the Common Council last night, the paper

being referred to the finance commit-tee without discussion.

This action was not taken, however, before Mr. Blake had made known his opinion of the alleged trust, which, he declared, is relentless in its de-termination to grind down the peo-ple.

"It is well this hot night," he began in his typical dramatic style that gan in his typical dramatic style that always commands attention, "to speak of something that is cool. It is true that Old Sol has had us in his grip for the last two or three weeks, but we expect him to hold up on us in a few days, while the grip of the ice trust continues as firm as ever, with no hope of release. Lee plication over Alaskan affairs.
Order Is Changed.
Finally at the opening session of the investigation into the entire Contheir investment have been closed up.

the investigation into the entire Controller Bay affair Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office, informed the committee on expenditure in the interior department that the original order opening the Controller Bay land to entry was changed after it reached his office, he does not know how, so that Richard S. Ryan, who is alleged to be a representative of the Guggenheims, gained a great advantage over other litigants. As corriginally written, the order provided

Where were the managers of the When the order came to your of- ice factories?" asked the councilman,

> plant would be a good investment both to the city and to the people. His resolution was practically the only thing that relieved the otherwise routine meeting of its dull mo-

notony, a large majority of business consisting of reports from various committees that went on through the usual channels. \$106,000 For Sewers.

The street committee The street committee petitioned for permission to award the contract for \$106,000 worth of sewer work in the contract. the new high school and other im-

The report of the market committee recommending the construction of a \$40,000 new market house on the Seabrook warehouse site was referred to the finance committee. The ordinance fixing the pay of the city collector and other ataches of that office also went to his committee.

Title Not Clear Yet. committee of the grounds and buildings committee recommending conversion of the Ford hotel site into a temporary public playground was held up because of the fact that the city has not secured legal title to the property as a result of pend-

ing litigation. Contrator Chesterman's applica-tion for refund of \$1,525.27 for a water main he built down Grace street from the West End to Adams street was referred to the finance committee on motion of President This action was taken after

Council passed the ordinance authorizing expenditure of \$3,500 for enlargement and improvement of Riverside Park.

General Bingham Resigns NEW YORK, July 10.—General Theodore A. Bingham, chief of the Bureau of Highways, resigned to-day because of non-support of the Bor-ough officials and for the reason that employes of the office are under civil service, and he could therefore make no changes. General Bingham was appointed only two months ago.

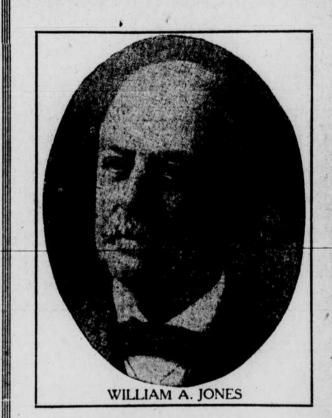
### AFTER HOKE SMITH TO COME QUICKLY

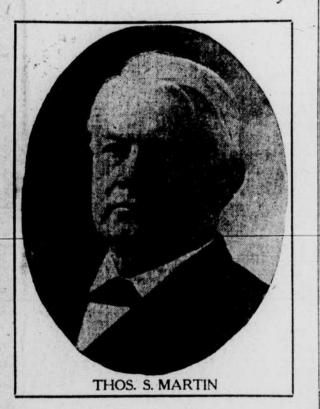
(Special to The Richmond Vitalian WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—In boys be whipped and that went wiew of the advices from Georgia to whip another. The switches went the rounds, and it is stated that the rounds, and it is stated that the the effect that Hoke Smith is prac-tically certain to be elected Sena-tor. Democratic leaders in the Senate are concerned over the statemen not come to Washington for the pres-

The Democratic leaders need all the votes they can muster at this time. Senator Terrell is now filling the place Mr. Smith is expected to take. If no official notice is received by the Senate of Smith's election, Terrell would continue to occupy his

In view of the close vote on the Bristow amendment, and the close situation as to electing a president pro tem., the Democrats hope to figure out some way to avoid the temporary loss of a member.

JONES READS LETTERS TO PROVE HIS CHARGES THAT MARTIN LOBBIED AND DISTRIBUTED THE FAMOUS "YELLOW DOG" FUND





## COPIES OF LETTERS INTRODUCED BY JONES IN PROOF OF HIS CHARGES AGAINST MARTIN

Rich mond and Danville Railroad Com pany Office of General Manager.

W. H. Green, General Manager.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 28, 1891. Dear Sir,-f am in receipt of your favor of the 25th instant, and enclose my check on the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., for eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), which you can apply to the purpose stated.

I was sorry that I missed you at Charlottesville on Friday evening last. I returned to your office just after you had left. I saw Messes. Moon, Farish and Morris, as well as Mr. Peyton, and started the matter as best I could, and hope you will have satisfactory results. Please keep me advised from time to time.

J. S. B. THOMPSON.

Mr. Decatur Axtell, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sir.—I expect to get up to Virginia about the 19th of October to devote some days shaping up matters in which you are all interested; and, as I shall then have to fully close out all arrangements. I think it very important that I should be thoroughly prepared to do this, and in that direction it would be well for you to arrange to turn over to Mr. Martin similar amount to the last one given him.

I write this in advance, in order that you may be prepared.

Yours truly. J. S. B. THOMPSON.

Mr. J. H. Bogart, Franklin, Southampton county, Va.:

accordance with previous advices, I hand you herewith my check on First National Bank of Alexandria for \$250.00. I trust you will certainly go to Richmond on Monday next and spend Monday and Tuesday there for the

purpose of rendering any assistance you can to Mr. Cardwell and our other friends. It is not probable that I shall be there, but I certainly hope you will make it a point to be present, and when you do go I would suggest that you hunt up Mr. Thomas S. Martin, who can be found on inquiry of General Hill, and in the event Mr. Martin is absent, please confer freely with General Hill and Mr. Cardwell.

J. S. B. THOMPSON.

November 23, 1891.

General T. M. Logan, Room 142, No. 480 Broadway, New York, N. Y.:

My Dear Sir,—Mr. Munford advises me that Major Myers has just paid over to Mr. Ellyson \$500.00, and My Dear Sir,—Mr. Munford advises me that Major Myers has just paid over to Mr. Ellyson \$500.00, and he is afraid that is all can be expected from that source. I trust Munford is mistaken, for unless Major Myers comes up with the full amount it will embarrass matters very much, for, knowing full well what the situation required, and acting in good faith for the best interests of all concerned, I assured Mr. Ellyson that he could count upon the full thousand, and I know he made his arrangements based upon that, and I feel pledged to see that the amount is forthcoming. In everything which went on at Richmond Mr. Ellyson acted, in the most thorough good faith towards, us, and was mally of infinite assistance to us, and I know can be depended upon to help us this winter. Both Martin and I were thoroughly impressed with the fair manner he dealt with us, and I do not want him disappointed in this matter, and unless Major Myers comes up with the additional \$500.00 we will certainly have to provide it.

I write this for your information, as I have no doubt you will have an opportunity of bringing the matter to Major Myers' attention, in its proper light.

Yours truly. J. S. B. THOMPSON.

A Copy.

November 23, 1891,

Leonard Marbury, Alexandria, Va.: Mr. Leonard Marbury, Alexandria, Va.:

Dear Sir.—I have not heard from you in reply to my two letters of last week, but as it takes so long to get around, I have not been surprised. For the same reason, however, I write to suggest that if it be convenient you endeavor to get down to Richmond on next Monday and spend Monday and Tuesday there, rendering whatever assistance you can to Mr. Cardwell and our other friends. If you go, which you should do by all means, if possible, hunt up Mr. Thomas S. Martin as soon as you reach Richmond, and put yourself in touch with him. He can readily be found by making inquiry of General J. C. Hill, commissioner. If Mr. Martin should be absent, confer freely with General Hill and Mr. Cardwell.

I have assured Mr. Cardwell that Mr. Bendheim would support him, and I trust to your seeing that this is cheerfully done. Make it a point to get Mr. Cardwell to assist Bendheim to a firm position on committees. Yours truly.

Yours truly. J. S. B. THOMPSON.

# WHIP EACH OTHER MR. BILISOLY IS COURT'S SENTENCE

NEGRO BOYS WHO SWAM IN FOR-BIDDEN WATERS CARRY OUT

JUDGE'S DECREE. (Special to The Richmond Virginian.) PETERSBURG, VA., July 10.—Be-cause they went swimming Sunday in forbidden waters, a half dozen negro boys faced Justice Dunstan, of Ettrick, this morning and were handed one of the oddest sentences that court

has ever given. sentence of the court was properly carried out.

VENEZUELA GUNBOATS ON

authentic information that rebels have of Peek. landed in the States of Zulla and Fal-

# BADLY BEATEN UP

YOUNG MAN OBJECTS TO STATE-MENT SISTER IS FAVORED BY SCHOOL BOARD.

FIRST FIGHT

LATER SWEARS BEFORE LADIES AT MEETING OF BOARD AND STARTS GENERAL ROUGH HOUSE.

(Special to The Richmond Virginian.) NORFOLK, VA., July 10 .- Eugene A. Bilisoly, reform leader, and one of the Straightout lawyers, was SCOUT FOR REVOLUTIONISTS

CARACAS, July 10.—The Venezuelan government to-day ordered the
gunboat Margarita to Maracaibo to be
placed at the disposition of Zulia authorities. Several squads of scouts
were detailed to patrol the coast line
to watch for revolutionists. Te government claims to have received no
authentic information that rebels have knocked down and his face beaten

The first fight occurred before the Continued on Second Page.)

RETURNS FROM PITTSBURG AND

HURRIES OFF TO NEW YORK CITY. WASHINGTON, July 10 .- Chair-

man Stanley, of the steel trust investigating committee, left for New York late to-night to prosecute his inquiries into the Gary business understandings with steel magnates and other matters pertaining to the inquiry.

He returned from Pittsburg last night after an investigation of the steel plants there and first hand information as to the coal and coke situation in the Pittsburg district and the amount and location of the steel trusts holdings.

Mr. Stanley said he had gathered much knowledge of interest which he would develop later through the course of the committee hearings. Hasty conclusions might lead to error and he says he does not wish to do the steel trust men an injus-

What phase of the inquiry Mr. Stanley will take up in New York or whom he goes to see he would not announce to-night. His present trip will be a short one. Later the committee expects to conduct an investigation in New York

# MARTIN ANSWERS AND REITERATES PREVIOUS DENIAL

Says at Time He Was One of Workers in the Democratic Party and All Funds Collected Were Turned in to Committee to Fight Negro Control in the State

### STATE CHAIRMAN ELLYSON TELLS ABOUT EXIGENCIES OF THE SITUATION AS THEY EXISTED DURING THE BLACK AND TAN DAYS

Men of Highest Standing Contributed Personally and Sought Contributions from Railroads and Other Coporations-Last Soliciting Done During Montague-Willard-Anderson Campaign

Washington, D. C., July 10, 1911,

Virginian, Richmond, Va.: Your telegram in relation to the letters read by Mr. William A. Jones at Woodstock to-day has been received.

In accordance with your request I will make the following statement:
At the outset I call attention to the fact that Mr. Jones in a speech made by him in Halifax county in July, 1899, made substantially the same charges which he made in his speech at Lynchburg on Friday

night last, and which he attempted to prove at Woodstock to-day by read-

ing the letters referred to in your telegram.

Immediately after Mr. Jones' speech in Halifax twelve years ago I replied to the charges he then made by an interview which was published in the Richmond Leader on the 29th day of July, 1899, in the following "Mr. Jones states that at the time of my first election to enate I was known to the Virginia people only as the agent and lobbyist f railroad corporations. I do not know where Mr. Jones gets this idea, of railroad corporations. I do not know where Mr. Jones gets this idea, but I do know that it had its origin in falsehood and in malice, because I have never at any period of my life been the representative of any railroad or other corporation, or of any person or persons, in connection with any matter pending before any legislative body, State or national. Many such retainers have been offered me as a lawyer, but invariably I have declined them. I have never in my life had my course as a citizen in respect to any public matter embarrassed by a retainer."

No one can truthfully say that I have been retained to represent or have in fact represent or interest for a corporation or anyone else because

have in fact represent any interest for a corporation or anyone else before a legislative body.

The only connection I have had with railroad corporations was this:
Before my election to the Senate I was local counsel for the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company until it was consolidated with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. I then became the local counsel for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, which I had not before that time represented.

time represented.

"My agreement with that company was to prosecute and defend suits son, or persons before any legislative and transact all legal business in body for compensation or without comwhich they might be interested in five counties, for which I received an annual salary. It was a retainer solely n legal matters. I did not even know he president of the company, Mr. R. E. Ingalis, until after I was elected to the Senate. He, as well as very other railroad president in Virneevr represented any other corporation, but as the records of the courts will show, I brought suits

against them. "When I was elected to the Senate, I resigned my position as local counsel for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, and have since that time represented no corporation whatever. In fact, I have been unable to give any attention to the practice of the law and have devoted time exclusively to my public

The statements made in that interview were repeated by me in many public speeches in Virginia, and thought these old slanders had been orever put to rest untit Mr. Jones revived them in his speech on Friday night last. In a number of Virginia paper the morning after Mr. Jones' Lynchburg speech the following reply from me to what he said was published:

"Washington, D. C., July 8, 1911.

'Y'our paper of this date reports Mr. Jones as saying in his Lynchburg speech last night not only that Mar-tin represented the railroad interests before the Legislature of Virginia, but that he was actually one of the disbursing wents of the yellow dog fund of the railroads. Mr. Jones made these same statements twelve years ago, and they were then de-nounced by me as false. I desire to say that said statement, and every word of it, is bsolutely false. The reiteration of these vicious and slanderous falsehoods, which have been denounced by me time and again, simply show the extremities to which Mr. Jones is driven in this campaign.

Referring to what Mr. Jones has stated about the Lorimer investiga-tion. I simply desire to say I voted against the right of Mr. Lorimer, against the right of Mr. Lorimer, to told a seat in the Senate, when that alone, question was before the senate, and that the resolution which was offered that the right of the ri y me for a further investigation, into in any way, represented them in any the charges of fraud in connection with his election, was offered in order to procure a further and exhaustive investigation in view of newly discovered evidence, and it was offered by me under the instructions of the caucus of the Democrats of the State.
I repel as false, and slanderous, any

statement or insinuation that the resolution offered by me, under the in-structions of the Senate Democratic structions of the Senate Democratic caucus, was intended to screen, or could by any possibility screen Mr. Lorimer, or that it had any relation whatever to the lumber interests in the United States.

Any statement or insinuation that I have at any time had any relation or connection with any lumber trust or lumber association, that I have been in any way influenced by them, is also false, and slanderous

(Signed) THOMAS S. MARTIN."

Reiterates Denial.

Now referring to the letters readby Mr. Jones at Woodstock for the

purpose of proving his statements, I desire to reiterate every word which I set out in the Richmond Leader on July 29, 1899, and in my above quoted reply of last Saturday to Mr. Jones, Lynchburg speech. I have never in my life represented a relived communication. life represented a railroad corporation, or any other corporation or any per-

body for compensation or without com-pensation, I, of course, do not remem-ber the letter purporting to have been written by Mr. J. S. B. Thompson to be on the 28th day of September, 1891, but I have no disposition whatever to question its authenticity.

In 1891 Mr. John S. Barbour was other railroad president in Vir-was opposed to my election. Senate. I was not in public life nor contemplating any candidacy for the senate or for any other office. I was taking, and had for many years taken a very active part in the conduct of the Democratic campaigns in Virginia, bestowing a great deal of time and labor, and such contributions of money as I was able to make, to accomplish success and maintain the political supremacy of the ' white people in the State. At that time the franchise not have been taken from the negroes, they constituted a constant menace and our campaigns were exceedingly difficult and expensive. As member of the Democratic

committee, I was in the habit of assisting Mr. Ellyson, the chairman of the State committee, not only in the conduct of the campaigns, but in raising the necessary money for campaign purposes. I solicited money from the managers of railroads and from other men of wealth, who like the railroad managers, were interested in the prosperity and good order of the State, and in preventing negro To The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, ascendancy, which all know would be destructive of property right as well as of our civilization.

Went to Campaign Fund.

Mr. J. S. B. Thompson, Mr. Axtell and others from time to time made contributions or assisted in raising Every dollar contributed by them, including the eight hundred dollars mentioned in Mr. Thompson's letter of September 28, 1891, realized from any source was so far as I have any knowledge or connection with the same, disposed of in and not one dollar was intended to be used, or was given to be used or was in fact used, in the interest of the railroads or other corporations. They were asked to contribute to

the Democratic party and the money contributed was contributed for that purpose and used for that purpose

legislative matter. Several of the letters I have no doubt referred to candidacy of Mr. R. well for the position of Speaker of the House of Delegates, in which I was much interested, as he had been for many years one of my closest and most highly esteemed friends. Mr. Jones in his Lynchburg speech is reported to have charged me with having been "one of the disbursing agents" of what he terms the "yellow dog fund of the railroads."

I presume by this he means to charge that a fund was contributed by the railroads for corruption purposes. I know of no such fund. The only contributions made by the railroads or by railroad men of which I have any knowledge were the contributions made by them above stated at the request of the Democratic managers to the Democratic campaign fund. I do not think that any Democrat interested in the success of Democratic policies in the establish-ment of prosperity and the mainte-nance of good order among our people and in the political supre the white race will complain contributions thus collected